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- At about 6 p.m. on 7 April, about 40 engineers were seen constructing a wooden bridge across the stagnant arm of the Rhin River at Neumuhlerschleuse, near Neuruppin (N 53/4 49), and about 20 engineers laid a plank flooring on a pontoon bridge. Twenty pontoons, a boat, and planks were stored in the depot. On 8 April, about 30 engineers removed the wooden bridge which had been completed on the preceding day and loaded the planks on trucks. Two trucks each mounting a crane, 2 trucks each with 2 pontoons, and planks and trucks were seen in front of the engineer depot. The trucks drove north on a woody road, then turned left toward the south and entered a parking lot which was about 300 meters from the first road. The road to the parking lot was marked with a sign board with the black letter H and an anchor. A total of 60 trucks loaded with pontoons, and equipment, about 20 other trucks, 1 amphibious car, 1 tank car, 3 trailers carrying boats and jeep were in the parking lot. At about 6 p.m. on 9 April, the vehicles were still there. *

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- On 7 April, about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen attacking at the Kukuksberg hill of the Gontzrode training area. They were supported by two T 34 tanks which, after proceeding about 50 meters, fired at the hill, waited for the soldiers to come up and then proceeded again. They repeated this maneuver until the hill was taken.
- On 9 April, a number of the houses at the south exit of the Gontzrode village were surrounded by a wooden fence and were occupied by Russians. A firing range for small arms was east of the village entrance. Forty soldiers practiced firing with rifles at the range. An engineer depot was opposite the firing range on the west side of the road. Bridge building equipment, planks and boards were stored there. About 120 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets practiced there with planks and boards. About 100 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were seen engaged in infantry field training north of this depot. Jeep was with the troops. While driving back to Neuruppin, source was passed by 4 trucks each carrying 10 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, 1 amphibious car and 1 motorcycle. **

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4. At about 3:30 p.m. on 11 April, a column of 15 trucks each carrying 25 soldiers, wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, and towing 10 x 75.2-mm guns were seen passing through Praesidentenstrasse, Neuruppin, coming from the direction of Alt-ruppin.

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* [] Comment. Similar observations were made [] in mid-March 1952. The present report indicates that the engineers belonged only to the 113th Indep Pn Bridge Bn of the Second Gds Recz Army while a previous report tended to indicate that army engineers of the Fourth Gds Recz Army were also engaged at the Neumuehl lock.

** [] Comment. This information definitely confirms that the area of Gentsrode is occupied by an engineer unit, probably the 205th Engr Bn of the 12th Gds Tank Div.

[] Although the motor vehicles [] belong to the aforementioned division, it is not possible to determine their assignment. It is possible that the area of Gentsrode may also be used for training by units stationed in Neuruppin.

*** [] Comment. The column belongs to the 12th Gds Tank Div.

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